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SUBJ: TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

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1. NOTWITHSTANDING A SPATE OF WEST GERMAN AND BERLIN PRESS REPORTS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS TO THE CONTRARY, THE WEST BERLIN POLICE HAVE INFORMED THE MISSION THAT THE WEST GERMAN FEDERAL CRIMINAL OFFICE (BKA) IS CONTINUING TO PROCEED UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE FIVE TERRORISTS EXCHANGED FOR THE RELEASE OF CDU LEADER PETER LORENZ IN MARCH 1975 REMAIN AS PREVIOUSLY IN SOUTH YEMEN. RECENT REPORTS BY WITNESSES CLAIMING TO HAVE SEEN ROLF POHLE (IN LATE 1975 IN MUNICH)
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AND STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE AUSTRIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES

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IDENTIFYING GABRIELLE KROECHER-TIEDEMANN AS A PROBABLE PARTICIPANT IN THE DECEMBER ATTACK AGAINST OPEC HEADQUARTERS IN VIENNA, ARE BEING EXAMINED, BUT THE INFORMATION TO DATE IS NOT CONSIDERED SUFFICIENTLY CREDIBLE TO ALTER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE FIVE TERRORISTS REMAIN IN SOUTH YEMEN.

2. THE GERMAN POLICE AUTHORITIES CONCEDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GROUP COULD LEAVE YEMEN TEMPORARILY FOR LIAISON PURPOSES OR TO PARTICIPATE WITH SIMILARLY MOTIVATED GROUPS IN A MAJOR TERRORIST ACTION ABROAD, AND THEN RETURN TO AN OPERATIONAL BASE IN YEMEN (REPORTEDLY CONTROLLED BY THE PALESTINIANS), BUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH A MODUS OPERANDI IS NOT GIVEN MUCH WEIGHT AT THIS POINT. THE POLICE POINT OUT THAT THE NEWLY ISSUED ARREST WARRANTS FOR TWO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, POHLE AND ROLF HEISSLER, ARE STRICTLY INDEPENDENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BAVARIAN STATE AUTHORITIES, WHICH MAY BE TERMED PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN THE EVENT THESE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD SUDDENLY APPEAR IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

3. COMMENT:

THE NEGATIVE RESPONSE REPORTEDLY RECEIVED BY THE FRG TO ITS REQUEST OF THE PDRY FOR THE ARREST AND EXTRADITION OF THE FIVE ONLY REINFORCES THE NEED, AS FAR AS THE POLICE ARE CONCERNED, TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STATE OF ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE TERRORIST ACTIONS BY THIS GROUP, AT LEAST UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE INDIVIDUALS ARE KNOWN POSITIVELY TO BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES.GEORGE

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